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#680**

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**FROM THE EAST:
Greg Yoder, WM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Once again our year will be starting off with a bang and lots of work. To begin with on **Jan. 5th**, we will have a Special for two 3rd degrees then on **Jan. 12th** our stated meeting and one 3rd degree.

In between our labors we will have our monthly Pancakes and More Breakfast on **Jan. 10th**. HELP! Due to winter travel and sickness we are missing some important and loyal workers for the breakfast. New helpers, and the old ones too, are needed. If you can give us a hand you will be rewarded with the fellowship of your brethren and the community. Let's do our part.

On **Jan. 26th** our DDGM, RWB Rick Hutcheson will make his official visit to TRL. We will eat at

6:00 PM, stated meeting at 7:00 PM. Come support your officers and DDGM.

Other events you might want to attend are the **Regional School** on **Jan. 11th** at Branson Lodge #587. Food will be served at 6:00 PM with the school starting at 7:00 PM. Also, the **District School** on **Jan. 25th** at Forsyth Lodge #453. Eat at 6:00 PM, school at 7:00 PM.

A special thank you to all who had anything to do with shopping, wrapping and delivering the Christmas gifts and food baskets from TRL. We provided for 45 children in a total of 17 families.

Greg Yoder,
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST:

At this writing Brother Ron Mixer is a patient at Cox Hospital in Branson due to a heart attack before Christmas. He was home for a few days and developed further discomfort. Tests were run and found a blood clot on his heart and leaky heart valve. He is hoping to come home in the next few days!

FROM THE SECRETARY

W. Bro. Larry Dreppard

Reminder: Dues are due for 2016 – thanks to those who have already sent in their dues.

LODGE DUES \$75.00

.Grand Lodge assessment included in dues.

Make checks payable to

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If you have moved or have new email address or telephone number please let me know.

MASONIC WRITINGS

By Bro. Jim Greene

FLAMING SWORD:

A sword whose blade is of a spiral or twisted form is called by the heralds a flaming sword, from its resemblance to the ascending curvature of a flame of fire. Until very recently, this was the form of the Tiler's sword. Carelessness has now in many Lodges substituted it for a common sword of any form. The flaming sword of the Tiler refers to the flaming sword

which guarded the entrance to Paradise, as described in Genesis (iii, 24): "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubim's and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." In former times, when symbols and ceremonies were more respected than they are now; when collars were worn, and not ribbons in the buttonhole; and when the standing column of the Senior Warden, and the Recumbent one of the Junior Warden during labor, to be reversed during refreshment, were deemed necessary for the complete furniture of the Lodge, the cavalry sword was unknown as a Masonic implement, and the Tiler always bore a flaming sword. It were better if we could get back to the old customs.

ref.: Freemasonry Encyclopedia

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Jan. 5 Eat 6:00 pm
Special Meeting
(2) 3rd Degree 7:00 pm

Sun. Jan. 10. – Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am – noon

Mon. Jan. 11 – Regional School
Branson Lodge #587 Eat 6:00 pm
School starting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 12 Eat 6:00 pm
Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
(1) 3rd Degree

Mon. Jan. 25 District School
Forsyth Lodge #453 Eat 6:00 pm
School starting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 26 Eat 6:00 pm
Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
Official Visit DDGM



PANCAKES & MORE

**SUNDAY, January 10
8:00 AM - NOON**

**Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,
hash browns, biscuits & gravy, juice and
coffee! ALL YOU CAN EAT
Price \$7.00**

**Help is needed to prepare, serve and clean
up. Come out and do your part.**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Jerry Bradshaw 11 LeRoy Motter
- 5 Ben Bonner 21 Clifto Sweeny
- 5 Mark Collier 22 John Read
- 6 David Pino 23 Jacob Young
- 7 Douglas DuShane 25 Mike Southard
- 10 Paul Engskov 28 John Welytok



The following writing was given by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brent Stewart and believed to have been written by Most Worshipful Bro. Ray V. Denslow a famous Missouri Freemason and Past Grand Master.

tools in the building of me, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry.

Webmaster – W. Bro. Keith Oxby continues to do our website from England. If you have anything you would like to see on it, email him at ozarkenglishman@gmail.com or just drop him a little note.

ORDER NOW!

It's not too late to order your name plate to be put on chairs in Lodge. Send \$25.00 to the secretary and give name to be engraved on plate.

LODGE MEMBERS ONLY

YOUR NAME HERE

I AM FREEMASONRY

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my altars is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my

It is best to learn wisdom by the experience of others.

Latin Proverb

The man of wisdom is never of two minds; the man of benevolence never worries; the man of courage is never afraid.

Confucius